The Stone which the Builders have rejected, the ſame is now become the Head of the Corner:

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Chriſt Exalted INTO HIS THRONE:

And the Scripture owned in its place

THis then is the Meſſage that we have received of the Father, *That God is Light, and in him is no darkneſs at all; if we walke in darkneſs, and ſay, VVe have fellowſhip with him, we lye, and do not the Truth, but if wee walk in the Light, as hee is in the Light, then have we fellowſhip one with another, and the blood of* JESUS CHRIST *his* SON, *cleanſeth us from all ſinne,* 1 John 1. 5, 6, 7. *And this is the word which was in the beginning, by which all things was made, and in him was life, and his life was the light of men,* Joh. 1, 1. 2, 3, 4. *By which light all the holy men of God in the dayes of old were inſpired; By which* Light Moſes *ſaw the things that were done in the beginning, and wrote of them; which VVord was a Lamp unto* Davids feet, *and a light unto his Paths,* Pſal. 119. 105. *VVhich Light dwelt in the Prophets and holy men, by which they ſaw the day of Chriſt, and wrote of him,* Iſai. 49. 6. and 60. 19. *and ſpoke as they were moved by it, and by it ſaw the deceit, iniquities, and tranſgreſſions of Iſrael, and declared againſt it both in Prieſt, People and Rulers, ſpeaking the word of the Lord faithfully, whether they would hear or forbear,*

beare, Ezek. 2. *Mic.* 3. *Isa.* 56. And this word came unto the Prophets, which was as a fire and hammer in their bones, *Ier.* 20. 9. and 23. 29. Which word in due time became flesh, and dwelt among the Apostles, and they saw the glory thereof, as of the onely begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth, *Iohn* 1. 14. whom *Iohn* bears witnes of to be the Light of the World, who doth enlighten every one that comes into the world, *Iohn* 1. To which Light *Paul* was sent to turn the mindes of the Heathen: *Acts* 26. 17, 18. Which light is the condemnation of the world, who love darkness rather then Light, because their deeds are evill: and he that hates it hath it, though he will not bring his deeds to it, by it to be proved, therefore his condemnation it is, *Iohn* 3. 19, 20, 21. And there is a time, light shines in darkness, and darkness comprehends it not, *Iohn* 1. 5. And this is the cause why many stumble at it, and are offended in it.

And there is a time light shines out of darkness, and darkness flees away, and then is witnessed the perfect day wherein the children of the day do walk, *Isa.* 42. 16. *Matt.* 4. 16. *Ephes.* 5 8. Which Light is the true tryer of spirits, and gives the discerning of spirits, and discovers the works of darkness, and manifests the deeds of darkneſſe; and by it the secrets of the heart are seen, and hidden things searched out, and by it all things are made manifest, and whatsoever makes manifese is light, *Heb.* 4. 12. *Ephes.* 5. 13. all which the naturall man knows not, and therefore cannot receive the things of God, but by this light is seen and judged; for by this light the spiritual man is able to discern and judge the natural man, but he himself is judged of no man, 1 *Cor.* 2. 14, 15. For this is the judge of the world, and by this the Prince of the air is judged whereſoever he rules, *John* 16. 11. And therefore as it rages, and stirres up his servants to persecute it, where it is made manifest, and so it is a stumbling stone, and a rock of offence to the children of the world, in whom the Prince of this world lodgeth, *Rom.* 9. 33. And of this word the Apostle *Paul* bears witness to be quick and powerfull, and sharper then a two edged sword to the diving asunder betwixt the marrow and the bones, *Heb.* 4. 12. to which word the Apostle directed the mindes of people within them, from looking without for to finde it without, *Rom.* 10. And from this same word the Apostles spoke forth the Scripture, which word was their guide, and rule, and teacher all along from the beginning, by which both the Apostles, and Prophets, and the holy men was acted, moved, and carried forth in the power of it, to declare that which by it they were taught, 1 *John* 1. 2 *Pet.* 1. 21. *And this is the free grace of God which bringeth salvation, and hath appeared to all men,* Tit. 2. 11, 12. *Which is their condemnation who do despite unto it*: Heb. 10. 29. But this was the Saints teacher, by which they were taught to deny all ungodlineſs and worldly lusts, and to live godlily, righteously, and soberly in this present evil world, and this is the anointing, which teacheth all things freely, which

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is truth, and no lye, *and leads into all Truth*: and he that knows this need no man to teach him, but is come the end of mans Teaching, 1 John 2.27. unto which the Prophet was come, and therefore called freely, *Come buy wine and milk without money or price: why ſpend you your money for that which is not bread, or your labour for that which profiteth not?* Iſa. 55. 1, 2, 3. And from this the Apoſtles ſpoke freely, *not coveting any mans ſilver or gold, but as they freely had received, freely they gave*, Acts 20. 33. And whoſoever ſpeaks from this, ſpeaks freely, and its miniſtry leads to the end of teaching: *and here let all fleſh keep ſilence before the Lord*: Zech. 2. 13.

And let all Hirelings, and greedy Shepherds ſtop their mouths, who cry peace, peace, to them that put into their mouthes, but if not, they even prepare warre againſt them; and ſuch like the Prophet in the light ſaw, and by it teſtified againſt them, Mich. 3. 5. *And all this the Scripture bears teſtimony of, which was ſpoken from the light, but is not the light, nor the word, nor the life, nor the judge, nor the rule, nor the guide, nor the tryer of ſpirits, for all this belongs to Chriſt, who is the diſcerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*, Heb. 4. 1, 2. *who is the light*, John 8. 12. *who is the word*, John 1. 14. *who is the life*, John 14. 6. *who blamed the Phariſees, that thought in the Scriptures to finde eternall life, but would not come unto him that they might have life*, John 5. 39, 40. *who is the anointing, who is the guide and teacher, and the Rule*, 1 John 2. 27. *who when we are going to the right hand or to the left, cryes, This is the way, walk in it*, Iſa. 30. 21. *Of which the Scripture is a true Declaration, ſpoken from this VVord of Truth, of which light every one hath a meaſure, which unto them is the free gift of God, to profit withall; which light in the conſcience reproves for ſin and iniquity, and manifeſts the deceit of the heart, and checks the creature when it ſwears, or lyes, or doth amiß, telling it that it ſhould not do ſo, and calls for repentance and amendment of life, and leads unto the ſame as it is owned and followed, and as many as receives it, receives power to become the Sons of God*: John 8. 12. and 1. 12. Rom. 2. 4. *But he that doth evill hates the light, and will not bring his deeds to it, by it to be proved, and to him it is condemnation, but he that loves the light, brings his deeds to the light, that it may manifeſt them whether they be wrought in God*, John 3. 20, 21. *But of this light you people and Teachers of the VVorld are ignorant, and ſo are doting upon the Scripture without, with your dark mindes there, with the blinde Phariſees ſeeking for life where it is not to be found, but will not come to Chriſt, the light, that you might have life, but would caſt him out of his throne, and exalteth Scripture above him, calling them the judge, and the light, and the word, and the life, and the rule, and the guide, and thus with your dark mindes, you would take the authority from Chriſt, and would give it unto the dead letter, which is but a Declaration of theſe things.* And thus your leaders cauſe you to erre, *Iſa.* 3. 12. for

their own ends, becauſe of the Scripture they make an Idoll to get money by adding their own meanings, interpretations, and conſtructions upon them, which is all the conceivings and imaginations of their own hearts, by which they lead you in blindneſs, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledg of the truth in your hearts, but are looking without, doting without in the letter, acting and imitating out of the light for life, and ſo in darkneſs doing your own works, which are not required at your hands, but are for condemnation by the light, and ſo in vain are you worſhipping a God whom you know not, crying up his Ordinances, and crying up his Commands, and crying up the Scripture, exalting it in the place of Chriſt, and thus coming neer him with your lips, and your hearts far from him, ſtill living in the corrupt ſinful nature, ignorant of the Free-grace of God which ſhould lead you to repentance and amendment of life, *Epheſ.*2. 5. 8. And becauſe we doe witneſs this myſtery, which hath been hid from ages and generations, now made manifeſt in us, *which is Chriſt within the hope of Glory*, *Col.*1.26,27. who is the Light of the world, who doth inlighten every one that cometh into the world, who is the true Shepherd, *Iohn* 10. and the true Teacher no more to be removed into a corner, *Iſai.*30.20. *who is the annoynting, who teacheth all things, and is the end of mans teaching*; therefore your miniſtery of the Letter, who make a trade and a gain of the Letter by idolizing it, and ſetting it up in the room of Chriſt, by taking the authority from Chriſt, and applying it to the letter, that your *mindes* who are taught by *them*, may the more be drawn without to look at it, and idolize it, expecting life and ſalvation by it, and no hope without it, that they may the longer make merchandize of you, and ſtil uphold their trade, and gain by it, do now ſee that this our Doctrine of Chriſt to bee all in all, and that without him we can do nothing, *Iob.*15.5. but that by him we can do all things without the help of Scripture, or any thing elſe without, *Phil.*4.13. and that there is no other name under heaven by which we can be ſaved, but that he is able to ſave to the utmoſt all that ſhal come unto God by him, *Heb.* 7.25. And that he is the word, and the Scripture is not, and that he is the light, and the Scripture is not, and that he is the rule and guide, and Teacher and Judg, & the Scripture is not, but a declaration of him to be ſo, and that the Scripture all along witneſſeth with our Doctrine to be one with it, and theirs to be another Doctrine, which the Scripture will not maintain, but the Scripture is againſt, and is onely brought in for lucres ſake to ſatisfie their own carnal ends, that they may bear rule by their means, as the falſe Prophets did before them, *Ier.*5.30,31.

*2 Tim.*3.6, 7. *Iſai.*1.12. *Mat.*15.9. *Ioh.*4.22. 1 *Joh.*2.27

And this light all along makes them manifeſt in all their colours, & falſe covers, ſo that they cannot hide themſelves from being Deceivers; and alſo this they do know, that if every one come to know and finde a Teacher within them, which doth teach them the will of GOD, and

and doth enable them for to obey it, ſo that they need no man to teach them, then indeed they will no longer ſpend their monies upon them for that which is not bread, nor their labour for that which profiteth not, and will be a prey unto them no longer; ſo not onely their craft and trade, and idol will fail them, but alſo their great gain and riches will be taken from them, and all their honour, and fame, and dignity will come to nought; therefore they in their hot rage and fiereeneſs, and enmity of their ſpirits, do ſet themſelves to oppoſe this light, whereſoever it is made manifeſt, and perſecuting the publiſhers of this Doctrine, railing againſt them as deceivers, and ſeducers, and bringers in of falſe lights, and ſuch as deny the Scripture, and would rob it of its Authority, and give it to a light within them (which the Preſts call a naturall light, and inſufficient to lead to ſalvation without the help of Scripture and other outward helps, and ſo would ſet the Scripture above the light of CHRIST, ſaying among themſelves, If we let go the Authority of Scripture then all is gone, (that is to ſay) take away our Idoll, then take away our maintenance, then down with our Miniſtry: So here is clear the foundation they ſtand upon: and this is the cauſe why they call the Scripture their foundation; and ſo all this authority which they put upon the Scripture, they take from Chriſt, who alone is the foundation of the faithfull, of whom the Scripture is a declaration, and ſo we do own it by the ſame which gave it forth, which unto us doth open it and reveal it, and manifeſts them to be out of the life of it, and ſo by the life thereof are judged and condemned, as before is proved. And though they call it the word, yet in the ſame it doth witneſs againſt them, and witneſs Chriſt to be the word before the Scripture was written, John 1. And though they call the Scripture the Light, yet in the ſame it doth witneſs againſt them, and witneſſeth Chriſt to be the Light before the Scripture was written, and is able to ſave to the uttermoſt all that ſhall come unto God by him, and they that climb up any other way, the ſame are thieves and robbers, John 10. 1. And therefore is not a natural inſufficient Light, as they that know him not do report of him, and therefore ſhew themſelves to be as ignorant as the Phariſees, who only ſuppoſed him to be the Son of *Ioſeph*, yet wondred at his power, and the works that were done by him, as theſe do now wonder at the proſperity of this miniſtration of Light, and to ſee how it prevails upon the hearts of the people, ſo that they know not what to think of it, they are not able to encounter with it, but that they ſee it ſtrikes ſo much at their Diana, and lyes ſo hard at their foundation, ſo that it makes their building totter, therefore the Rulers, Prieſts and Phariſees takes counſel together, ſaying one to another, If we let this people alone, all men will go after them, and they will draw away whole nations: therefore they take the ſame courſe as ever the falſe prophets did, joyning together with the earthly powers to make war with the Lamb, perſecuting, ſtocking, whipping, imprison-

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and ſhamefully intreating his meſſengers, whom the Lamb ſends forth to bear teſtimony of this Light in peoples conſciences (where we have a witneſs both in them that believe, and in them that periſh) and alſo ſtriving all the wayes they can, by their evill incenſing, lying, raylings, and falſe accuſings and reporting to defame this light, and leaven your mindes againſt it (that if it were poſſible) to put it out, that ſtil they might uphold their fathers kingdom of Darkneſs, and bear rule by their means over the blinde, carrying captive the mindes of people, but who is able to make war with the Lamb, or who ſhall withſtand the day of his coming? *Saul, Saul, it is hard for thee to kick againſt the pricks*: and though they call the Scripture their rule and guide, yet in this it witneſſeth againſt them to be in *Cains* way, and *Balaams* way, and in the gain-ſaying, of *Core*, and ſo have not God, *Iude* 11. 2 *Iohn* 9. but are found to be of the generation, who are born after the fleſh, perſecuting them that are born after the Spirit, *Gal.* 4. 29. And though they call the Scripture their Rule and Guide, yet they receive not power from it, to inable them to walk according to it, but are altogether erring from it, in any thing that croſſeth ſelf, but as many as receive the light, receives power to follow it, and come out of the corrupt ſinfull nature, which they live in who know not the Light, *Iohn* 1. 12. And here the Light is above the Scripture: and though they ſay the Scripture is the judge and tryer of ſpirits, yet in the ſame it witneſſeth againſt them to be lyars, and bears witneſs of Chriſt *to be Iudge, and tryer, and ſearcher of the heart, and diſcerner of the thoughts*, Hebr. 4. 12. Rom. 1. 16. 1 Pet. 4. 5. *And that whatſoever makes manifeſtation, is Light*, Eph: 5: 13: Therefore that which makes manifeſt falſe ſpirits, is the light and not the letter; which light manifeſted and diſcovered falſe ſpirits, before the Scripture was wtitten: and alſo though they ſay the Scripture is the judge and tryer of ſpirits, yet by the Scripture they cannot diſcern or judge of ſpirits, elſe what makes all this difference in judgment amongſt them who profeſs to try ſpirits by the ſcripture, and profeſs it to be their Rule, and ground their judgement upon it, yet are ſo confuſed in the ſame, and never a one knows which is the truth, when as the way is but one; ſo that it follows that they have nothing but the Scripture without, are ſtill without in darkneſs and confuſion, as all thoſe appears to be who call the Scripture their rule, and guide, and judge, and tryer of ſpirits, and yet knows not the truth, but are jangling, and wrangling, and arguing, and diſputing, and contending about the Scripture, every one with a ſeverall judgment upon it, ſurely this diſtraction is not in the Scripture, for it was ſpoken from one, and all agrees in one: therefore you that ſo profeſs the Scripture, ſee if you can finde it out by the Scripture, and ſee where you are, but they that are in the light have fellowſhip one with another, 1 *John* 1: 7: and are of one heart and one ſoul, *Acts* 4. 32: and all agree in one, and are Epiſtles wrote one in anothers heart, 2 *Cor*: 3: 2: and by the light

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they cry and diſcern falſe Spirits, and in it are able to judge them, and open the Scriptures without wreſting, adding, or diminiſhing, and by it do know they are of God, becauſe they love one another with the ſame love with which Chriſt loved them, 1 *Ioh.*4. It is not ſuch love which is to day, and to morrow croſs the will and it is turned into wrath and anger; nay that love ſtands in the corrupt will; but this love ſtands in the bond of peace, which doth indure; and here again the light is above the Scripture, and though they ſay the light muſt be received from the Scripture, yet in this the Scripture doth witneſs againſt them, and bears witneſs of Chriſt to be the light of the world, *and doth enlighten every one that cometh into the world*; and they that could never read letter of the Book have this light, which is ſufficient to teach them and lead them into all truth, after they come to the knowledge of it, and from this light the Scripture was ſpoken, 2 *Pet.* 1. 21. and without this light none can read the Scripture with underſtanding, and here the light is before the Scripture, and out of it all the children of darkneſs are ſhut with their buſie mindes and vain contending ſpirits; and though they ſay they muſt receive life and ſalvation from the Scripture, yet in this the Scripture witneſſeth againſt them, and teſtifies of Chriſt to be the alone fountain of life and ſalvation, *and that there is no other name under heaven by which wee can be ſaved*, *Pſal.*30.9. & 14. 100. And that the Phariſees had the Scripture, yet had not the light, neither could ſee that he was the Chriſt, though the Scripture bare teſtimony of him, or either would come unto him for life and ſalvation, but truſted in the Scripture, thinking there to find eternall life, and therein found it not, *Ioh.*5.39.40. As all you are now, who are ſeeking the living among the dead; and here again the light is above the Scripture, which light is within us the hope of glory, *Coll.* 1. 26, 27. and thoſe that cannot witneſs this, are in the reprobation, though they have the Scripture without, 1 *Cor.*13.5. and from it we receive life and ſalvation, and from no other; and this alone is our guide, teacher, Judge, and Law-giver, if we never ſee Letter, *Luke* 1.79. *Iohn* 6.45. *Iſa.* 33. and this alone is the ground and foundation of our faith and hope, by which we are made able to cry, *Abba Father*, 1 *Cor.* 3. 11, *Rom*: 8: 15: And here it is not ſelf that judgeth or condemns, but Chriſt that liveth in us, *Gal*: 2:20: and it is not ſelf that juſtifies us, but Chriſt that liveth in us; and here Chriſt is exalted into his Throne, and the Scripture owned in its place, without contempt or undervaluing: And they found the Miniſters of Antichriſt, who would caſt Chriſt out of his Throne, and take the Scripture out of its place to exalt above him, applying to it that Authority which alone belongs unto him for their own by, ſecret, ſelf-ends, ſo that in that they apply ſuch authority to the Scripture, they in the ſame rob Chriſt of it, and undervalues him, as the Phariſees did, who thought in the Scriptures to finde eternal life, but would not come to Chriſt that they might have life, in whoſe ſteps ye and your teachers are found profeſſing Chriſt in words, but in life

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denying him, and therefore must be judged and condemned by him, as they was. And if you Priests do alledg, *There is a false light as well as a true light*, I answer, *That is it in you which blinds your mindes so that you cannot conceive this Gospell, but from you it is hid*, 2 Cor. 4. 3. 4. And therefore you bring another Gospell, calling the four Books *Matthew*, *Mark*, *Luke* and *John*, the Gospel; in which these four Books will witness against you, and bear witness of Christ to be the Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation; who is the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the World, who came to take away the sins of the world; and *blessed are they that are not offended in him*; *John* 1.26. and verse 13. *Luke* 7.23. And also that is a false light in you which leads you into the form, or resemblance, or outward shew of holiness, but denies the life and power, 2 *Tim.* 3.5. and to profess the Scripture to be your rule, but in life and practice deny it, and to be short, leads into a profession without possession, but that which leads into the life and power, is no false light, for it leads into the possession before the profession, and so the profession is from the possession, but your profession is from onothers possession, and so boasts in anothers line, by which you beguile both your selves and others, and therefore in that you go about to arm your selves with the Scripture, to oppose the light by exalting it above the light, thinking thereby to debase the light, and so to keep peoples mindes from the light, that they may stil remain in darkness and blindness under you. You do but in the same bring a weapon to cut off your own heads, and raise a war to destroy your selves, and increase more light to the people, and manifest your selves odious, & to be the blind guides of the Nation; who are to be denyed and turned away from us; Deceivers to be held as accursed, who
2 *Joh.* 9. 10 bring another Doctrine in opposition to the true Doctrine which is held forth in the Scripture; for the Scripture and the light agrees in one, from both which you are shut with jangling contentious spirits, by which you would wrest the Scripture out of its place, to clash against its Originall; thereby to uphold your Father Antichrists Kingdom, & therein do the more manifest your selves to be the Ministers of Antichrist, who under profession of the true Christ, do oppose him and make war with him, 2 *Cor.* 11. 13, 14, 15. but your weapons are weak, as is daily made manifest.

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